

# 2010/2011 Rhode Island Youth Risk Behavior Survey High School Questionnaire

This survey is about health behavior. It has been developed so you can tell us what you do that may affect your health. The information you give will be used to improve health education for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank.

The questions that ask about your background will be used only to describe the types of students completing this survey. The information will not be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported.

Make sure to read every question. Fill in the ovals completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving you the survey.

***Thank you very much for your help.***



**Directions**

- Use a #2 pencil only.
- Make dark marks.
- Fill in a response like this: A B ● D.
- If you change your answer, erase your old answer completely.

- How old are you?
  - 12 years old or younger
  - 13 years old
  - 14 years old
  - 15 years old
  - 16 years old
  - 17 years old
  - 18 years old or older
- What is your sex?
  - Female
  - Male
- In what grade are you?
  - 9th grade
  - 10th grade
  - 11th grade
  - 12th grade
  - Ungraded or other grade
- Are you Hispanic or Latino?
  - Yes
  - No
- What is your race? **(Select one or more responses.)**
  - American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African American
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - White

- How tall are you without your shoes on?  
 Directions: Write your height in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching oval below each number.

Example

Height	
Feet	Inches
5	7
③	⑩
④	①
●	②
⑥	③
⑦	④
	⑤
	⑥
	●
	⑧
	⑨
	⑩
	⑪

- How much do you weigh without your shoes on?  
 Directions: Write your weight in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching oval below each number.

Example

Weight		
Pounds		
1	5	2
①	①	①
●	①	①
②	②	●
③	③	③
	④	④
	●	⑤
	⑥	⑥
	⑦	⑦
	⑧	⑧
	⑨	⑨

8. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?
- A. Mostly A's
  - B. Mostly B's
  - C. Mostly C's
  - D. Mostly D's
  - E. Mostly F's
  - F. None of these grades
  - G. Not sure

**The next 4 questions ask about safety.**

9. **When you rode a bicycle** during the past 12 months, how often did you wear a helmet?
- A. I did not ride a bicycle during the past 12 months
  - B. Never wore a helmet
  - C. Rarely wore a helmet
  - D. Sometimes wore a helmet
  - E. Most of the time wore a helmet
  - F. Always wore a helmet
10. How often do you wear a seat belt when **riding** in a car driven by someone else?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always
11. During the past 30 days, how many times did you **ride** in a car or other vehicle **driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol**?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or more times
12. During the past 30 days, how many times did you **drive** a car or other vehicle **when you had been drinking alcohol**?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or more times

**The next 8 questions ask about violence-related behaviors.**

13. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry **a weapon** such as a gun, knife, or club?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 or 3 days
  - D. 4 or 5 days
  - E. 6 or more days
14. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property**?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 or 3 days
  - D. 4 or 5 days
  - E. 6 or more days
15. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you **not** go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 or 3 days
  - D. 4 or 5 days
  - E. 6 or more days
16. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or 7 times
  - F. 8 or 9 times
  - G. 10 or 11 times
  - H. 12 or more times

17. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight **on school property**?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or 7 times
  - F. 8 or 9 times
  - G. 10 or 11 times
  - H. 12 or more times

18. How often do you feel safe and secure in your neighborhood?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

19. During the past 12 months, did your boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

20. Have you ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

**The next 2 questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.**

21. During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied **on school property**?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
22. During the past 12 months, have you ever been **electronically** bullied? (Include being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No

**The next 7 questions ask about sad feelings and attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life.**

23. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for **two weeks or more in a row** that you stopped doing some usual activities?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

24. During the past 12 months, did you ever **seriously** consider attempting suicide?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

25. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

26. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or more times

27. **If you attempted suicide** during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?
- A. **I did not attempt suicide** during the past 12 months
  - B. Yes
  - C. No

28. When you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, how often do you get the kind of help you need?
- A. I do not feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious
  - B. Never
  - C. Rarely
  - D. Sometimes
  - E. Most of the time
  - F. Always

29. When you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, with whom would you most likely talk about it?
- A. I do not feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious
  - B. Parent or other adult family member
  - C. Teacher or other adult in this school
  - D. Other adult
  - E. Friend
  - F. Sibling
  - G. Not sure

**The next 18 questions ask about tobacco use.**

30. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
31. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?
- A. I have never smoked a whole cigarette
  - B. 8 years old or younger
  - C. 9 or 10 years old
  - D. 11 or 12 years old
  - E. 13 or 14 years old
  - F. 15 or 16 years old
  - G. 17 years old or older
32. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
33. During the past 30 days, on the days you smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke **per day**?
- A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - B. Less than 1 cigarette per day
  - C. 1 cigarette per day
  - D. 2 to 5 cigarettes per day
  - E. 6 to 10 cigarettes per day
  - F. 11 to 20 cigarettes per day
  - G. More than 20 cigarettes per day

34. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get your own cigarettes? (Select only **one** response.)
- A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - B. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
  - C. I bought them from a vending machine
  - D. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
  - E. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else
  - F. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me
  - G. I took them from a store or family member
  - H. I got them some other way
35. During the past 30 days, did anyone ever refuse to sell you cigarettes because of your age?
- A. I did not try to buy cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - B. Yes, someone refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
  - C. No, no one refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
36. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes **on school property**?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
37. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
38. During the past 12 months, did you ever try **to quit** smoking cigarettes?
- A. I did not smoke during the past 12 months
  - B. Yes
  - C. No

39. When you smoke cigarettes, do you prefer cigarettes that are plain or mentholated?
- A. I do not smoke cigarettes
  - B. I prefer plain cigarettes
  - C. I prefer menthol cigarettes
  - D. I have no preference
40. During the past 12 months, have you tried any flavored cigarettes **other than menthol**, such as raspberry, cherry, mint, or chocolate? Some examples of brands with flavoring are Camel Crema, Dark Mint, Izmir Stinger, and Twist.
- A. I did not smoke any cigarettes during the past 12 months
  - B. Yes
  - C. No
  - D. Not sure
41. During the past 12 months, did a doctor, dentist, or nurse **ask** you whether you smoke cigarettes?
- A. I did not see a doctor, dentist, or nurse during the past 12 months
  - B. Yes
  - C. No
  - D. Not sure
42. Out of 100 Rhode Island high school students, how many do you think smoke cigarettes?
- A. 1 to 10
  - B. 11 to 20
  - C. 21 to 30
  - D. 31 to 40
  - E. 41 to 50
  - F. 51 or more
  - G. Not sure
43. Do you think of cigarette smoke more as a health hazard or an annoyance or discomfort? (Select only **one** response.)
- A. A health hazard
  - B. An annoyance or discomfort
  - C. Both a health hazard and an annoyance or discomfort
  - D. Neither a health hazard nor an annoyance or discomfort
  - E. Not sure
44. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use **chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip**, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
45. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use **chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property**?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
46. Do you believe that **chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip** is safer than cigarettes?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure
47. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke **cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars**?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days

**The next 6 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.**

48. During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?
  - A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 9 days
  - D. 10 to 19 days
  - E. 20 to 39 days
  - F. 40 to 99 days
  - G. 100 or more days
49. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?
  - A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips
  - B. 8 years old or younger
  - C. 9 or 10 years old
  - D. 11 or 12 years old
  - E. 13 or 14 years old
  - F. 15 or 16 years old
  - G. 17 years old or older
50. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
  - A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
51. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
  - A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 to 5 days
  - E. 6 to 9 days
  - F. 10 to 19 days
  - G. 20 or more days

52. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your alcoholic beverages? (Select only **one** response.)
  - A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
  - B. I bought it at a store, restaurant, or bar with no ID
  - C. I bought it at a store, restaurant, or bar with fake ID
  - D. I stole it from a store, my home, or another place
  - E. My parents gave it to me
  - F. I got it from friends
  - G. An adult over 21 (other than my parents) bought it for me
  - H. Some other way
53. Have your parents or guardians made it clear that they expect you **not to use alcohol**?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure

**The next 3 questions ask about marijuana use. Marijuana also is called grass or pot.**

54. During your life, how many times have you used marijuana?
  - A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 to 99 times
  - G. 100 or more times
55. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?
  - A. I have never tried marijuana
  - B. 8 years old or younger
  - C. 9 or 10 years old
  - D. 11 or 12 years old
  - E. 13 or 14 years old
  - F. 15 or 16 years old
  - G. 17 years old or older



56. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times

**The next 4 questions ask about other drugs.**

57. During your life, how many times have you used **any** form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times
58. During your life, how many times have you taken a **prescription drug** (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times
59. During your life, how many times have you taken **over-the-counter drugs** to get high?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times
60. During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug **on school property**?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

**The next 9 questions ask about sexual behavior.**

61. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
62. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. 11 years old or younger
  - C. 12 years old
  - D. 13 years old
  - E. 14 years old
  - F. 15 years old
  - G. 16 years old
  - H. 17 years old or older
63. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. 1 person
  - C. 2 people
  - D. 3 people
  - E. 4 people
  - F. 5 people
  - G. 6 or more people
64. During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 3 months
  - C. 1 person
  - D. 2 people
  - E. 3 people
  - F. 4 people
  - G. 5 people
  - H. 6 or more people
65. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the **last time**?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. Yes
  - C. No

66. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. Yes
  - C. No
67. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, what **one** method did you or your partner use to **prevent pregnancy**? (Select only **one** response.)
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. No method was used to prevent pregnancy
  - C. Birth control pills
  - D. Condoms
  - E. Depo-Provera (or any injectable birth control), Nuva Ring (or any birth control ring), Implanon (or any implant), or any IUD
  - F. Withdrawal
  - G. Some other method
  - H. Not sure
68. Which of the following best describes you?
- A. Heterosexual (straight)
  - B. Gay or lesbian
  - C. Bisexual
  - D. Not sure
69. During your life, with whom have you had sexual contact?
- A. I have never had sexual contact
  - B. Females
  - C. Males
  - D. Females and males

**The next 5 questions ask about body weight.**

70. How do **you** describe your weight?
- A. Very underweight
  - B. Slightly underweight
  - C. About the right weight
  - D. Slightly overweight
  - E. Very overweight
71. Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?
- A. **Lose** weight
  - B. **Gain** weight
  - C. **Stay** the same weight
  - D. I am **not trying to do anything** about my weight
72. During the past 30 days, did you **go without eating for 24 hours or more** (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
73. During the past 30 days, did you **take any diet pills, powders, or liquids** without a doctor's advice to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight? (Do **not** include meal replacement products such as Slim Fast.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No
74. During the past 30 days, did you **vomit or take laxatives** to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

The next 9 questions ask about food you ate or drank during the past 7 days. Think about all the meals and snacks you had from the time you got up until you went to bed. Be sure to include food you ate at home, at school, at restaurants, or anywhere else.

75. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink **100% fruit juices** such as orange juice, apple juice, or grape juice? (Do **not** count punch, Kool-Aid, sports drinks, or other fruit-flavored drinks.)
- A. I did not drink 100% fruit juice during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day
76. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **fruit**? (Do **not** count fruit juice.)
- A. I did not eat fruit during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day
77. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **green salad**?
- A. I did not eat green salad during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day

78. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **potatoes**? (Do **not** count french fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips.)
- A. I did not eat potatoes during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day
79. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **carrots**?
- A. I did not eat carrots during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day
80. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **other vegetables**? (Do **not** count green salad, potatoes, or carrots.)
- A. I did not eat other vegetables during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day

81. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a **can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop**, such as Coke, Pepsi, or Sprite? (Do **not** count diet soda or diet pop.)
- A. I did not drink soda or pop during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day
82. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a **can, bottle, or glass of a sugar-sweetened beverage** such as an energy drink, sports drink, lemonade, sweetened tea or coffee drinks, flavored milk, Snapple, Sunny Delight, or fruit drink? (Do **not** count soda or pop, 100% fruit juice, or diet or low calorie energy/sports drinks.)
- A. I did not drink sugar-sweetened beverages during the past 7 days
  - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - D. 1 time per day
  - E. 2 times per day
  - F. 3 times per day
  - G. 4 or more times per day
83. During the past 30 days, how often did you go hungry because there was not enough food in your home?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

**The next 6 questions ask about physical activity.**

84. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of **at least 60 minutes per day**? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increased your heart rate and made you breathe hard some of the time.)
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days
  - G. 6 days
  - H. 7 days
85. On an average school day, how many hours do you watch TV?
- A. I do not watch TV on an average school day
  - B. Less than 1 hour per day
  - C. 1 hour per day
  - D. 2 hours per day
  - E. 3 hours per day
  - F. 4 hours per day
  - G. 5 or more hours per day
86. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Include activities such as Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo DS, iPod touch, Facebook, and the Internet.)
- A. I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work
  - B. Less than 1 hour per day
  - C. 1 hour per day
  - D. 2 hours per day
  - E. 3 hours per day
  - F. 4 hours per day
  - G. 5 or more hours per day

87. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days
88. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you walk or ride your bike to school when weather allows you to do so?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days
89. During the past 12 months, on how many sports teams did you play? (Count any teams run by your school or community groups.)
- A. 0 teams
  - B. 1 team
  - C. 2 teams
  - D. 3 or more teams

**The next 6 questions ask about other health-related topics.**

90. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure

91. When was the last time you saw a doctor or nurse for a check-up or physical exam when you were not sick or injured?
- A. During the past 12 months
  - B. Between 12 and 24 months ago
  - C. More than 24 months ago
  - D. Never
  - E. Not sure
92. Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure
93. Do you still have asthma?
- A. I have never had asthma
  - B. Yes
  - C. No
  - D. Not sure
94. Do you have any physical disabilities or long-term health problems? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure
95. Do you have any long-term emotional problems or learning disabilities? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure

**This is the end of the survey.  
Thank you very much for your help.**